

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/GB2005/001201

Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-11, 20, 21

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-11, 20, 21

A grip for a golf club

1.1. claims: 1, 2, 5-11, 20, 21

A grip for a golf club, the grip including a wide portion of substantially uniform, substantially rectangular cross-section, said wide portion having a front face, a rear face and two side faces, wherein the wide portion is of sufficient width to be gripped by a golfer with both thumbs side-by-side on the wide portion, and wherein the width to depth ratio of the wide portion is in the range 1.3:1 to 2.0:1 (problem to be solved: to provide a grip which enables a golfer to swing more squarely, leading to improved putting performance).

1.2. claims: 3-11, 20, 21

A grip for a golf club, the grip including a wide portion of substantially uniform, substantially rectangular cross-section, said wide portion having a front face, a rear face and two side faces, wherein the wide portion is of sufficient width to be gripped by a golfer with both thumbs side-by-side on the wide portion, and wherein the front surface is convex and the rear and side surfaces are substantially planar (problem to be solved: to provide a grip which allows a less strained grip).

2. claims: 15-19, 12-14, 22-24

A grip for a golf club, wherein the grip includes an elongate body member and a separate end cap (problem to be solved: to close the end of the grip after the grip has been trimmed to the correct length to suit a user).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A63B53/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A63B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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